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For: METHOD FOR GENE TRANSFER INTO TARGET CELLS WITH RETROVIRUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 3, after "This" insert --application is a divisional of Serial No. 08/809,156, filed on March 7, 1997, which--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 2 to 89, without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

--90 (old claim 199). The method of claim 1 wherein said target cells are selected from the group consisting of unipotential hematopoietic progenitor cells and erythrocyte precursor.

91. (old claim 227) The method of claim 90 wherein the target cells are selected from the group consisting of pluripotent stem cells and embryoplastic stem cells.